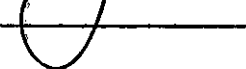




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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM  
HAGATNA, GUAM**

PEOPLE OF GUAM,

vs.

**ERIC M. CRUZ,**  
*aka Eric Matthew Sotto Cruz,*  
DOB: 04/01/1979

Defendant.


Criminal Case No. CM **04-00-21**  
GPD Report No. 21-25937

Charge:

**FAMILY VIOLENCE**  
(As a Misdemeanor)

**MAGISTRATE'S COMPLAINT**

The Attorney General of Guam hereby accuses **ERIC M. CRUZ** (*aka Eric Matthew Sotto Cruz*) of a certain crime committed as follows:

On or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021, in Guam, **ERIC M. CRUZ** (*aka Eric Matthew Sotto Cruz*) did commit the offense of *Family Violence (As a Misdemeanor)*, in that he did recklessly cause or attempt to cause bodily injury to another family member or household member, *that is* , in violation of 9 GCA §§ 30.10(a)(1) and 30.20(a).

Dated this day, Friday, October 22, 2021.

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**DECLARATION**

I, **RENAIDA Z. SAN NICOLAS**, a duly appointed Assistant Attorney General, aver upon information and belief that the following declaration is true. I have reviewed Guam Police Report 21-25937 submitted by Guam Police Officers which revealed the following occurred in Guam:

On or about October 21, 2021, at approximately 4:08 p.m., Guam Police officers responded to an assault complaint in Dededo. [REDACTED] reported that her husband **ERIC M. CRUZ** ("Defendant") had assaulted her earlier that night. The Victim appeared to be emotional, distraught, and her eyes appeared watery. The Victim and the Defendant have been married for about twenty-one years and have five children together.

Earlier that night, while the Victim and the Defendant were in the living room. The Defendant had been calling her derogatory names. An argument then ensued. During this argument, the Defendant began to throw things at the Victim, including a can of pens. The Defendant also threw his slipper at the victim and the slipper struck her abdomen area. The Defendant then kicked her right shin. The Victim kicked him back to push him away from her. While trying to get up from the couch, the Defendant kicked the Victim's head. The Victim then sat back down. Assuming that the argument had subsided, the Defendant then kicked her groin area. The Victim yelled out "stop hitting me!" The Victim and the Defendant's daughter Camarin Cruz came out of her bedroom and intervened. The altercation then stopped and the Defendant proceeded to collect his keys and his belongings. The Victim then contacted the police for assistance.

The Victim stated that this was not the first time that the Defendant had verbally and physically abused her. The abuse had been going on since 2017.

An injury check of the victim was conducted and the officers observed bruising to her left cheek, a small bump and redness along the top and center of her head, bruising to her right shin, and complaints of pain to her groin area.

The Defendant was advised of his Miranda rights, which he had acknowledged and waived. The Defendant admitted that he became hot-headed and that it got a bit out of control.

Based on the foregoing, there is probable cause to charge **ERIC M. CRUZ** with **FAMILY VIOLENCE** (as a Misdemeanor), in violation of 9 G.C.A. § 30.10(a)(1) and 9 G.C.A. § 30.20(a).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2021.



**RENAIDA Z. SAN NICOLAS**